



State of New Hampshire  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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LETTER OF DEFICIENCY

No. WD SS 04-03

March 11, 2004

Mr. Victor Rifkin  
d/b/a RSM@Sunapee, LLC  
PO Box 177  
Georges Mills, NH 03751

RE: Unpermitted Septic Systems

Dear Mr Rifkin

On December 19, 2003, personnel from the Department of Environmental Services, Water Division ("DES") conducted an inspection of the Sunapee Arts Camp property, described as Lot # 367, on Tax Map # 9, and located on Deer Hill Road, Springfield, NH, 03284 ("the Property"). The purpose of this inspection was to determine whether you were in compliance with RSA 485-A and it's implementing regulations, the Subdivision and Individual Sewage Disposal System Design Rules, Env-Ws 1000 ("the Rules").

As a result of the inspection, the following deficiencies were noted:

1. A septic system had been repaired onsite without plans approved by DES, and installed by an unlicensed installer.
2. There are several other septic systems serving buildings onsite that have not received DES approval for design or intallation.

DES expects the above deficiencies to be permanently corrected within 30 days by initiating and completing the following measures:

1. Engage a permitted septic system designer to prepare and submit septic system plans and specifications to DES for the total waste load generated on the Property.
2. Obtain approval to construct the system

3. Construct and obtain approval to cover and use the system
4. Operate and maintain the system in accordance with NH Administrative Rule Env-Ws 1023.

DES believes the cited deficiencies will be corrected within 30 days and a report describing the corrective measures can be submitted to this office within 45 days of receipt of this letter.

In the event compliance is not achieved within this period, DES may take further action against you, including issuing an order requiring the above items to be corrected, initiating an administrative fine proceeding, and/or referring the matter to the New Hampshire Department of Justice for imposition of civil and/or criminal penalties. In addition, DES personnel will reinspect the Property at a later date to determine whether you have come into, and are maintaining, full compliance with all applicable statutes and directives.

The written report as requested above should be addressed as follows:

Richard J. de Seve, SSB, DES  
Department of Environmental Services  
6 Hazen Drive, PO Box 95  
Concord, NH 03302-0095

Your prompt cooperation is appreciated. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Richard J. de Seve at 271-3442.

Sincerely,

  
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William E. Evans, P.E.  
Administrator  
Subsurface Systems Bureau

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